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WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and
Condensed
for Our Busy Readers.

France calls class of 1917 to the colors.

More infected pork is discovered in Portland.

Railroad earnings are advancing by leaps and bounds.

Warden of Sing Sing prison is indicted for perjury.

Oregon state irrigationists are in session in Portland.

No official reception is offered the Ford peace party by the Danes.

The entente powers are considering abandoning the drive on Saloniki.

Captain Boy-Ed sails for Germany, leaving a parting shot to the United States press.

The British cabinet is torn over the conscription question and the situation is near a crisis.

A bride of a few months is shot and otherwise maltreated on a lonely road near Gresham, Ore.

The Austrians are accused by the French government of sinking the Coltat without warning.

King Peter of Serbia has gone into exile and is in a deplorable condition, both as to health and finance.

Vienna's reply to the United States on the Ancona case will ask arbitration which, it is said, will be rejected.

Many paroled convicts in Chicago are thought responsible for many crimes being committed in the windy city.

New York will ship to Germany by registered mail three tons of powdered milk for the 2,000,000 starving babies in that country.

Secretary of War Garrison will present to the committee on military affairs a plan which, if adopted by congress, will mean universal military service.

St. Louis hotels are reported exacting unprecedented rates to delegates to the Democratic convention, who are making reservations for the coming meeting.

The government of the United States will build soon two giant submarines of 2000 tons each. It is proposed to build 25 smaller boats of the same type within five years.

Eight men, including a representative in congress and an ex-attorney general of Ohio, are indicted by a Federal grand jury in New York on a charge of conspiring to foment strikes in American munitions factories as part of a campaign financed by the German government to check the exportation of munitions to the entente allies. The men indicted are Representative Buchanan, of Illinois; ex-Representative Fowler, of Illinois; Frank S. Bennett, ex-attorney general of Ohio; B. Martin, Herman Schulze, Franz von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor.

The French make considerable gain at Hartmann-Wellerkopf, and capture 1200 Germans.

Canada will raise a total of 250,000 men for England; 135,000 have already gone overseas.

It is estimated that the Federal government will lose \$250,000 in revenue when Oregon goes dry.

Eighty-five thousand pupils of the Chicago schools are absent because of an epidemic of influenza.

The barkentine S. N. Castle is in distress off the coast of Washington, with six feet of water in her hold.

The Washington board of parole are withholding the freedom of paroled convicts until after January 1st, when the state goes dry.

Fifteen hundred men working on the Alaska railroad are feshound, and will be cannibalized to live through the winter on canned goods.

The Roach Timber company of Muscatine, Ia., has raised \$300,000 by trust deed and will build a logging railroad to its holdings near Sutherland, Ore.

According to a dispatch an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

Nine Portland lawyers win a damage suit for \$10 started by a woman over possession of a hen and eleven chicks.

A large number of cannon hidden by the Serbs in their flight from Austria-Hungary, have been recovered by the latter.

Voluntary retirement of the British in Gallipoli is denied by the Turks, who claim the English were defeated by their troops.

CONGRESS TO PREPARE PLAN FOR UNIVERSAL MILITARY SERVICE

Washington, D. C. — The War department will urge on congress, it is understood here, the proposition that it is vital that a definite statement of military policy for the United States be put through at this session and that machinery be created for the organization of a citizen army, volunteers to begin with, but based ultimately on universal military service.

It was learned authoritatively that the administration's continental army plan is designed to operate with either the volunteer or the universal service system.

It is known that the continental army plan is regarded in its present form by its framers as a preparatory measure, paving the way to a decision by the people at large for or against universal military service. In determining his plan, Secretary Garrison is known to have consulted every general officer of the active army and many officers of lower rank.

MARY ROBERTS RINEHART



Mary Roberts Rinehart, the only woman correspondent who got to the actual fighting front in Europe and whose writings on the war are filling many pages of the magazines, was in Washington recently in the interests of her friends and tribal brothers, the Blackfoot Indians.

The unanimous opinion of the commissioned personnel of the army, as well as the civil officials of the War department, is said to be that adequate preparedness can be secured only on the basis of universal service. While Secretary Garrison has made no public declaration of his opinion, Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who frequently has spoken for his chief, has clearly indicated belief that universal service is the only fair and democratic solution of the military problem confronting the country.

British Cabinet Resolves for Modified Form of Conscription

London — It is said on excellent authority that the cabinet has virtually decided upon a modified form of conscription bill to be introduced in the house of commons next week, giving the government the necessary power, should it be found needful, to bring in single men and preserve Premier Asquith's pledge to married men.

The cabinet meeting, although it failed to secure agreement of all the ministers upon the question of the voluntary system versus conscription, was of a critical and decisive character and virtually reached the decision that the application of force may become necessary before all eligible single men are effectually brought to the colors.

The anti-conscriptionist ministers offered strong opposition.

Oregon Has Saltpetre.

Lakeview, Or. — Large deposits of saltpetre have been found in the district east of this city in Lake county, with specimens of the deposit running almost pure. Goose Lake Valley is the center of the deposit. It is said the valuable portions of the deposit will average 25 per cent saltpetre.

Before the war the United States secured its supply of druggists' saltpetre from India, but that has been diverted to England by the war. As a result saltpetre is now worth 65 cents a pound.

Tungsten Ore Bids Soar.

Boulder, Colo. — Competitive bidding Wednesday brought offers of \$49 and \$49 per unit for 60 per cent Tungsten ore, as compared with \$5.90 last April. At that time the first increase brought the price to \$7 per unit and in the intervening months it has made steady advances.

Two buyers placed the schedule for 60 per cent ore at \$47.50 a unit, making the ore worth \$2250 per ton.

LA GRIPPE EPIDEMIC COSTS MANY LIVES

Death Rate in Philadelphia Is Alarming Large.

EXTREMES OF YOUTH AND OLD AGE HIT

Health Officers Warn Public to Keep
Away From Crowded Places—
Many Industries Crippled.

Philadelphia.—The death rate from the epidemic of la grippe now sweeping the states has been so high that Samuel G. Dixon, state health commissioner, issued a statement at Harrisburg Saturday calling attention to the seriousness of the situation and cautioning the public that if the disease is to be avoided "sacrifices must be made."

"Keep out of crowded places," Dr. Dixon says, "as one person having the grippé may give it to a carload of passengers."

In this city 650 burial permits were issued during the first three days of the week, the majority of the deaths being due directly or indirectly to la grippe. This is more than double the ordinary death rate. It is estimated that nearly 15,000 persons in Philadelphia alone are suffering with this disease, which has been particularly fatal to the very old and very young.

Attendance at all the public schools has been greatly reduced, and in several sections of the state schools and colleges have been forced to close.

Factories, department stores and other business houses have also been affected by the epidemic, and in many instances the number of employed obliged to remain at home had been so great as to curtail operations seriously. Hundreds of firemen and policemen are confined to their homes with the disease, while Philadelphia's rapid transit company reports 400 of its employees on the sick list.

Reports from Camden, N. J., are to the effect that there are at least 1000 cases in that city.

60,000 Are Ill in Chicago.

Chicago.—Chicago doctors are working at high speed, many of them making more than 60 calls a day.

Chicago business is battling against the handicap of disablement of many employees and lack of full efficiency of many other thousands.

All this is due to la grippe, or to be more accurate, to relatives of the old-fashioned grip.

Although the epidemic is the most serious since 1891, it is remarkable because in no cultures yet examined by the health department has the organism of true la grippe been found.

Isolation of every victim of the epidemic—forcible isolation by employers, if necessary, of every employee who attempts to work while suffering from the grip—is urged by Dr. Karl Meyer, superintendent of the Cook county hospital. He said:

"I believe there are at least 60,000 persons seriously ill with la grippe in Chicago. We have from 40 to 60 cases that come to the county hospital every day. Because of the contagious nature of the disease, we attempt to take in only the most serious cases. The others simply receive first treatment."

"From 38 to 45 out of 400 nurses here are ill with la grippe. That indicates about the proportion of victims all over town. Many doctors have been or are ill."

"The epidemic is particularly dangerous because it might be followed by pneumonia or head infections. If the victim does not thoroughly conquer the germ he may become subject to chronic catarrh."

Honey Is City Attorney.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Francis J. Honey, who prosecuted the San Francisco graft cases several years ago, has accepted the position of City attorney of Santa Monica, tendered him by the newly elected commissioners. His salary has not been decided on. Mr. Honey has made his residence here for several months. In taking the position Mr. Honey agreed to devote five and a half hours each day to the city. He said that he accepted the offer because he desired to see what could be done with commission government.

Balloon Given to Militia.

New York.—A large balloon for use of the signal corps or the coast artillery of the National Guard of New York, and courses of instruction in aviation for members of the militia of New Jersey, have been contributed to the National airplane fund. The balloon was contributed by Robert Gledhill, a member of the Aero Club, and the offer to train four members of the militia comes from John F. Sloane, an airplane manufacturer.

Edison Offers Plans.

New York.—Thomas A. Edison, at a recent meeting of the naval consulting board at the Brooklyn navy yard, offered to furnish the board with plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to cost \$1,400,000, to be used in the development of naval inventions.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Official Directory Shows 300 Schools Above 8th Grade Work

The official directory recently issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill, shows that there are about 300 schools in the state which offer work above the eighth grade, as follows: Forty-four offer one year of secondary work; 65 offer two years; 29 offer three years, and 165 offer four years of high school work. Approximately 1190 teachers are employed in the secondary schools, about 70 per cent of whom are graduates of colleges or universities, while many more are graduates of technical or normal schools. Colleges and universities from every section of the United States and from Europe are represented among the high school teaching force of the state; but by far the largest number of graduates of any single institution come from the University of Oregon, there being about 185 graduates of that institution teaching in the high schools of the state. A very large percentage of the teachers of the vocational high school subjects are supplied by the Oregon Agricultural College.

Manual Training Courses Popular.

There are 17,389 students pursuing one or more of the five vocational courses offered in the high schools of Oregon, according to a report recently issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill. The Manual Training and Commercial courses seem to be the most popular with the students. There are now 5141 students taking manual training, 2193 of whom are in the high school and 2948 in the grades. The total amount of equipment, consisting of benches, tools, etc., amounts to \$61,754.00. In the commercial courses there are 4141 students enrolled, 3967 being in the high school and 174 in the grades. The value of the typewriters and other equipment amounts to \$49,505.00. Manual Training is being taught in 70 high schools and commercial work in 71.

Students Judge Stock.

Perrydale.—Perrydale schools have one of the largest industrial club organizations in Folk county and there are students enrolled in all 14 projects.

The Dairy Herd Record club has a special organization of its own and the boys make frequent trips into the neighboring dairy ranches and score the barns as well as the cattle. This work is done under the supervision of the Oregon Agricultural College extension department. In addition to a lively industrial club the district has the following organizations: Parents' and Teachers' association, brass band of 30 pieces, orchestra, dramatic club, W. C. T. U. organization and Athletic association.

Coyote Bounties \$3.50.

Klamath Falls.—The Klamath Falls County Court has signed an order for the payment of additional bounty money for coyotes beginning January 1 and continuing up to April 1. A determined effort is to be made to stamp out the danger of a rabies epidemic in Klamath county. The bounty offered by the state will be reduced beginning January 1 to \$1.50, but, by the recent order of the County court, Klamath county will pay an additional bounty of \$2, making a total of \$3.50. The ranchers and business men of the Fort Klamath country are offering yet another sum of \$2 each for coyotes.

Hood River Is Interested.

Hood River.—Members of the local Commercial club are looking with interest on the proposed plans of the new route between Portland and North Yakima by way of this city. An offer has been made to co-operate with the Commercial club of White Salmon, Wash.

The people of the Trout Lake and Camas Prairie districts of Northwestern Klickitat county, spurred on by the completion of the Columbia River Highway to this city, have made plans to push a road up the base of Mount Adams as far as the snow line next year.

Brookings Mill May Open.

Gold Beach.—Arrangements are reported to have been made by the Owens Lumber company to take over and operate the sawmill at Brookings. The mill was built a year ago at great expense, but was shut down last fall on account of market conditions. It is said to be the only mill on the Coast from which vessels are loaded by means of an overhead cable tramway. The Owens Lumber company owns a large tract of redwood timber in the northern part of Del Norte county, California.

Coyotes Prey Heavily on Sheep.

Gold Beach.—Sheepmen in Curry county are alarmed at the inroads being made on their flocks by coyotes, which appear to be much more numerous than ever before. In view of conditions prevailing here this winter several owners of large bands are planning to give up sheep raising.

County Has Gravel Plant.

Albany.—Through the operation of a county gravel plant, which has been installed here, Linn county will be able to procure gravel for road improvement at a low cost and will be able to furnish it at all seasons of the year.

ITALIANS CHARGING ON AUSTRIAN DETACHMENT



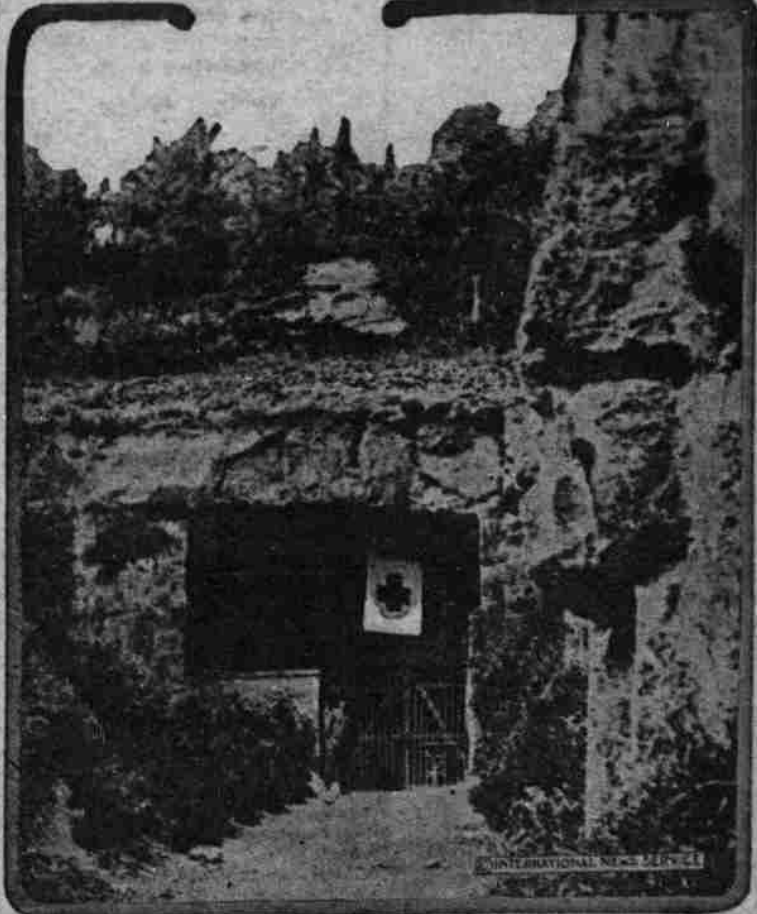
This squad of Italian soldiers had been in ambush in the ruined farmhouse and was photographed as it charged upon a detachment of Austrians on scouting duty. The Austrians were all captured.

TEUTONS HURRYING MUNITIONS THROUGH BELGRADE



This photograph, one of the first taken at Belgrade since the occupation of that city by the Germans, shows German and Austrian soldiers on the docks working to expedite the shipment of great quantities of war material to Constantinople.

HOSPITAL IN A STONE QUARRY



Red Cross hospital established in a stone quarry of Soissons in the region known as "the labyrinth."

SMASHED BY ITALIAN GUN FIRE



Scene in Dobruza, a suburb of Gorizia, the Austrian stronghold which has been long hammered by the great guns of the Italian army.

NEW FRENCH RESPIRATOR



This is the newest respirator adopted by the French army to combat the gas clouds of the Germans. This apparatus will enable the men to charge through the thickest clouds of poison gas without the least difficulty.

VICE ADMIRAL KANIN



The strategy of Vice Admiral Kanin, who commands the Russian fleet in the Baltic, has prevented the Germans from landing near Riga and capturing that important seaport.